CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Suspension of World Bank funds

3946. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has suspended funding scheme for welfare of women and child development;

(b) whether this is because of the irregular procurement of drugs and medicines required for the programme;

(c) if so, whether responsibility has been fixed for the same and the suspects are prosecuted against; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Practice of Sati

†3947. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of women becoming Sati still happen in our country;

(b) whether Government propose to enact any new laws to eradicate this practice completely; and

(c) if so, the outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per the data maintained by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)

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under the Ministry of Home Affairs, no case of offence has been reported, during 2001 to 2004, under the Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987 by any of the States/Union Territories. During 2005, one case under the said Act has been reported by Rajasthan, which has been charge-sheeted and is pending trial. Information for the year 2005 has not been received by NCRB from Bihar, Jharkhand and Manipur.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Search of lost children

†3948. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Human Rights Commission has issued a report on the lost children in which it has been stated that every year about 11,000 children are lost in our country;

(b) if so, the efforts made by Government to search these children and to make provision for their education and for their employment; and

(c) whether Government have made any plan to rehabilitate those children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per the report titled "Trafficking in women and Children in India" on the basis of a study commissioned by National Human Rights Commission, on an average, 44,476 children go missing every year of which 11,008 remain untraced annually.

(b) and (c) The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) developed Talash System at national level assists in searching/co-ordinating missing/ kidnapped persons including children on the basis of monthly reports received from State Union Territory Police. As per section 2(d)(v) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, missing and runaway children are defined as children in need of care protection. Such children are brought before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) constituted for every district or a group of districts. The CWC after

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